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EXTINCTION OF TIGER FROM PANNA TIGER RESERVE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the extinction of tiger from Panna Tiger Reserve has been reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated February 20, 2008;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the extinction of tigers from Panna Tiger Reserve?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Media reports regarding declining status of tiger population in the Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh have come to light.

(c) A Committee was constituted for an appraisal of the status of tiger population in the said reserve, which has reported tiger presence, while interalia, recommending verification using camera traps. The Wildlife Institute of India has been directed for the needful in this regard. The steps taken by the Government of India for tiger conservation are at Annexure-I.